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RCC has recently partnered with Jumpstart for Young Children, a national early education non-profit that recruits and trains college students and community volunteers to work with preschool children in low-income neighborhoods. Through a proven curriculum, these children develop the language and literacy skills they need to be ready for school, setting them on a path to close the achievement gap. Participating college students gain professional knowledge and innumerable transferable skills. By serving with Jumpstart, students join a national network of students working as social change agents. Students may also be eligible to receive federal work-study, a modest living stipend, or a Segal Education Award.

If you know any students who may be interested, please direct them to: Ashley Bushell, Site Manager at RCC, Administration Building, Room 311-EJ7 abushell@rcc.mass.edu (617) 427-0060 ext. 5830

RCC Garden

The final garden plans have been submitted and approved. The contract has been awarded and work is expected to begin in mid-September. Construction will take a few weeks. It has been a long road, but we are finally nearing our destination.



Partnership for Assessment of
Readiness for College and Careers

CCSS 101 and PARCC 101: What these projects mean to higher education and how we can engage in the process

The PARCC leaders in the greater Boston and Northeast region in partnership with the regional readiness centers are pleased to offer this opportunity to higher education administrators, faculty and staff to learn more about the common core state standards and Partnership for the Assessment of College and Career Readiness. Both of these initiatives are reshaping the way public education is delivered as well as assessed. The morning will include an overview of both initiatives. The afternoon sessions will break out for specific discussions around mathematics and ELA (lunch for those staying). We hope you can join us for this engaging discussion.

When: October 26, 2012. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (12-2 optional ELA and mathematics content discussions with lunch)

Where: Bunker Hill Community College

Register: Email your name and institution to cshaw@saalemstate.edu
Also specify if you are interested in staying for the lunch discussion on mathematics or ELA (choose one). Space is limited.

This is great opportunity to catch up on these two national programs and join in on cross agency discussions regarding preparation for college in ELA/Literacy and Math. Read more about PARCC at www.parcconline.org/

You will recall that Dr. Susan Lane from DHE talked with us about PARCC at the Faculty Institute on September 4th. I would like to see some of our faculty attend this event. Please let me know if you are interested in going. I understand that registrations are filling up - Brenda

Endangered Languages and Us

On Thursday, September 20th, Professor Susan Kalt reported on research that she conducted while on leave as a National Endowment for the Humanities Documenting Endangered Language Fellow in the Andes.

RCC division members, and MIT Humphrey fellows were in attendance and there was a lively discussion about endangered languages.



Prof. Susan Kalt on speaking tour with indigenous colleagues, 2011. They are wearing traditional clothing from rural Bolivia and Peru.

Honors Program

Do you ever find a student in your class whose work, intellectual curiosity, or even boredom lead you to think that she/he needs a greater challenge? If so, the Honors Program is the answer!

The Honors Program meets the needs of academically talented and ambitious students who have earned at least 12 credits and a GPA of at least 3.3 at RCC. These students, if accepted into the program, are provided with a strong academic foundation that features critical thinking, research writing, and study skills that will serve them throughout their academic career and beyond. Courses are more demanding in expectations and content; the Colloquium, a required Honors Program course, often

deals with provocative, academically rich content taught by experts in the field. Students will have opportunities to examine in depth a variety of topics and to meet with mentors and faculty as well as other students.



Most classes, but not all, lend themselves to Honors Component work. This means that – if the faculty member is willing – the student will be assigned work beyond the prescribed curriculum and syllabus. The work will be far more demanding and the expectations, particularly in research, will be much higher.

If you are interested in learning more about the Honors Program or wish to encourage a student by developing an Honors Component for a course you are currently teaching, please contact Rhonda Gray at rgray@rcc.mass.edu.



STEM News

Professor Sibaji Sarkar teaches Microbiology at RCC and also works at Boston University School of Medicine. His recent paper, based on his lab research on a combination therapy for breast cancer, is getting much media coverage. He spoke about this work at a talk he gave here at RCC.

To read more about his work click on the links below:

- www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/07/120702162323.htm
- www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/247503.php

Photos (left and below): RCC Open House, 1988, RCC Archives, A13 Audio-Visual Material, Box 18, Roxbury Community College.

Photos from the RCC Archives



The RCC Archives has many photographs of unidentified individuals, including these two from RCC's 1988 Open House. Can anyone identify the two men on either side of former RCC President **Brunetta Wolfman** or the individuals sitting to the left of former Boston mayor **Ray Flynn**? If so, please contact Autumn Haag, the Librarian Archivist at ahaag@rcc.mass.edu or ext. 5112.